

HOUSE BILL 44

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 10, Part 1, relative to failing to remain at
the scene of certain accidents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-101, is amended by deleting
subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) A violation of subsection (a) is:

(A) A Class A misdemeanor; or

(B) A Class E felony if the person failing to stop or comply with
the requirements of subsection (a) knew or reasonably should have
known that death or serious bodily injury resulted from the accident.

(2)

(A) The trier of fact may infer that the person failing to stop or
comply with the requirements of subsection (a) knew or reasonably
should have known that the accident resulted in serious bodily injury or
death if the accident involved a vulnerable highway user.

(B) As used in subdivision (b)(2)(A), "vulnerable highway user"
means a person who:

(i) By right or circumstance is lawfully on or near a
highway, including a pedestrian, child, runner, cyclist, or stranded
motorist; or

(ii) Is engaged in official duties on or near a highway, including a person in the field of construction, utility work, road maintenance, stranded motorist repair, emergency service, fire suppression, and law enforcement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.